IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.SIRI JAGAN

MONDAY, THE 10TH SEPTEMBER 2007 / 19TH BHADRA 1929

WP(C).No. 26883 of 2007(A)

PETITIONER:

P.M.VEERAKUTTY,
AGED 61, PRESIDENT, KERALA KETTIDA NIRMANA
THOZHILALI CONGRESS, KALAMASSERY MEKHALA,
KALAMASSERY COMMITTEE.

BY ADV. SRI.E.D.GEORGE
SRI.P.V.ANILKUMAR

RESPONDENTS:

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1. SECRETARY,
REPRESENTING ASSOCIATION OF PILING SPECIALIST,
ERNAKULAM.

2. SECRETARY,
REPRESENTING C.I.T.U.,
KALAMASSERY MAKHALA, KALAMASSERY.

3. SECRETARY,
REPRESENTING N.K.N.T.C.

4. LABOUR OFFICER,
ERNAKULAM.

5. SUB-INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KALAMASSERY.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI. A.J. VARGHESE

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 10/09/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

S. SIRI JAGAN, J.

W.P.(C)NO.26883 OF 2007

DATED THIS THE 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2007

JUDGMENT

The petitioner is a Union of employees in construction works. The 1st respondent is an association of piling contractors in Ernakulam District members of whom engage members of the petitioner Union for construction work. Against allegedly illegal memorandum of settlement between the 1st respondent association and the 3rd respondent Union the petitioner raised an industrial dispute by filing Ext.P2 complaint before the 4th respondent. The petitioner seeks expeditious disposal of proceedings pursuant to Ext.P2 in accordance with Industrial Disputes Act.

2. I have heard the learned Government pleader also. In the nature of the order I propose to pass I do not think it necessary to issue notice to other respondents. When a complaint is filed by a Union of workers, the Labour Officer has a duty to initiate proceedings as per the Industrial Disputes Act, if the complaint is maintainable.

3. Accordingly, I direct the 4th respondent to consider Ext.P2 and take appropriate proceedings pursuant thereto in accordance with

Industrial Disputes Act, if the same is warranted under law, expeditiously.

The writ petition is disposed of as above.

S. SIRI JAGAN, JUDGE

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